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SUBJECT: CYPRUS AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON LAINGEN

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED JULY 11 ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN NICOSIA ON JULY 15 WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL GOC AMBASSADORS.

2. LAINGEN TOOK THE OCCASION TO REVIEW THE EFFORT WE ARE MAKING ON THE HILL REGARDING THE TURKISH AID EMBARGO EMPHASIZING THAT OUR PURPOSE WAS TO FACILITATE WHAT WE ALL WANTED, NAMELY PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS. WE WOULD CONTINUE THAT EFFORT NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME WAS ON AID EMBARGO, BUT WE WERE CONVINCED OUTLOOK WOULD BE IMPROVED WITH PRESENT PROHIBITIONS LIFTED. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY WHETHER WE HAD ANY REASON TO THINK THAT DOING SO WOULD BRING HELPFUL ACTION FROM TURKS ON CYPRUS; LAINGEN NOTED SISCO COMMENTS TO HOUSE COMMITTEE THAT WE COULD MAKE NO SUCH CATEGORIC ASSURANCES BUT NOTED

ALSO SISCO COMMENT THAT FAILURE OF TURKS TO RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY WOULD GO TO HEART OF US-TURK RELATIONSHIP. THESE WORDS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CHOSEN AND TURKS WERE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THEM.

4. LAINGEN STATED THAT ALTHOUGH WE COULD UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS CONCERNING THE TRAGEDIES OF LAST SUMMER, WE HOPED THAT THE UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST OUR EMBASSY OR PERSONNEL. HE STRESSED THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE.

5. DIMITRIOU ASSURED LAINGEN THAT HE WOULD PASS ON THIS CONCERN TO HIS GOVERNMENT. ROBINSON

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